

1407 '99 JUL 30 P3:31

50 Mulberry Street
Rhinebeck NY 12572
July 28, 1999

Dockets Management Branch (HFA 305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockvill MD 20851

Dear Sir or Madam:

The guidelines issued on April 6, 1999 placed a de facto ban on nonhuman primates xenografts. You must realize that there are many, many other animals that can also transmit diseases in humans and as such it is dangerous to use any animals for this purpose. The transmission of such diseases could easily cause an epidemic among humans causing the deaths of hundreds of people.

There are other safer alternatives available that should be used to protect people. We should be pushing preventative measures and looking for ways to increase the pool of human donors, which, of course, is the best method to provide much needed organs.

I very strongly encourage the Department of Health and Human Services ban xenotransplantation from all nonhuman species immediately.

Sincerely,



Joan Trombini

99D-0557

C273

50 Mulberry St
Rhinebeck NY
12572



Dockets Management Branch (HFA 305)
Food + Drug Admin.
5630 Fishers Lane Rm 1061
Rockville MD 20851

20857/0001

